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FACTS ABOUT LAKEWOOD-CRANDON FARMS

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Official Name: Lakewood-Crandon Farms.

Location: Lakewood-Crandon Farms is scattered through four counties in northeastern Wisconsin and one county in the extreme northern portion of the state. Marinette County has 8 farms; Oconto, 8; Langlade, 4; Forest, 1; and Bayfield, 4. Project Headquarters: Rhinelander, Wisconsin.

History of Project: Started by the Resettlement Administration, July 1, 1935, with the assistance of the Rural Rehabilitation Corporation funds, the project was later transferred to the Farm Security Administration. The actual purchase of farms was begun July 1, 1936. All homesteaders had moved to their new location by the Spring of 1937. On December 6, 1937, the administration of the project was transferred to the Rural Rehabilitation Division. Since the farms are widely scattered, County rural rehabilitation supervisors are administering the farms in their counties.

Purpose of Project: To relocate low-income farm families who had been farming the submarginal land area in Oconto, Forest and Bayfield Counties on productive land where the families may attain a higher standard of living.

Project Description: The silt loam soil of this 2,160 acre project is largely devoted to the raising of hay and pasture. The major part of the land area is used for dairying, but farmers also raise garden crops. Fully developed farms were purchased and land clearing by the homesteaders was unnecessary. The farms average about 90 acres each. Little construction was done other than making minor repairs and building two barns.

House Description: Existing houses are being used by the homesteaders, after they had made minor repairs. The farms are located in established communities where roads and good schools are available.

The Homesteaders: All homesteaders on the project had formerly been farming sub-standard land which could not yield a living. Before they were accepted, many had been on relief.

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